

each of said two shoe press units comprising a circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt and a press shoe, such that said circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said press shoe in a region of said press nip;

at least one driving device; and

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at least two driven continuous press belts each drivably coupled to said at least one driving device and arranged such that at least one of said at least two driven continuous press belts are positioned on each side of the fibrous material web to guide the fibrous material web through said press nip,

wherein at least one of said at least two press belts comprises a water permeable wire web, and at least one of said at least two sealing belts comprises an open press surface that is at least one of blind bored and grooved.

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3. (Amended) The shoe press in accordance with claim 1, wherein each of said at least two press belts are dewatering belts.

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9. (Amended) The shoe press in accordance with claim 8, wherein a press surface of said at least one press belt is at least one of blind bored and grooved.

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12. (Amended) The shoe press in accordance with claim 1, wherein said at least one water permeable wire web press belt and said at least one open press surface sealing belt are arranged in a same press shoe unit.

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20. (Amended) The shoe press in accordance with claim 1, further comprising

A5 felts with few markings arranged to be guided through said press nip, and said felts being arranged to cause symmetrical dewatering.

23. (Amended) A press section of a machine for producing a fibrous material web, comprising:

a shoe press including two shoe press units arranged to form an essentially level press nip elongated in a web travel direction;

A6 each of said two shoe press units comprising a circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt and a press shoe, such that said circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said press shoe in a region of said press nip;

at least one driving device;

each of said two shoe press units comprising at least one driven continuous press belt drivably coupled to said at least one driving device, such that at least one driven continuous press belt is positioned on each side of the fibrous material web to guide the fibrous material web through said press nip,

wherein at least one of said at least one press belts comprises a water permeable wire web, and at least one of said sealing belts comprises an open press surface that is at least one of blind bored and grooved.

A7 27. (Amended) The press section in accordance with claim 26, wherein the fibrous material web is accepted by one of said at least two felts from a wire belt.

37. (Amended) A shoe press for processing a fibrous material web, comprising:
first and second shoe press units arranged to form an essentially level press nip
elongated in a web travel direction;

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said first shoe press unit comprising a first circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt
and a first press shoe, such that said first circulating flexible, continuous sealing belt is
arranged to be guided over said first press shoe in a region of said press nip;

said second shoe press unit comprising a second circulating flexible, continuous
sealing belt and a second press shoe, such that said second circulating flexible, continuous
sealing belt is arranged to be guided over said second press shoe in a region of said press nip,
wherein at least one of said first sealing belt and said second sealing belt comprises an open
press surface that is at least one of blind bored and grooved;

first and second continuous press belts arranged such that said first continuous press
belt is positioned between said first press shoe and the fibrous material web, and said second
continuous press belt is positioned between said second press shoe and the fibrous material
web, wherein at least one of said first and second press belts comprises a water permeable
wire web; and

first and second press belt driving devices arranged to drive said first and said second
press belts, respectively.

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